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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231					SHERI	DAN ROSS P.C.		
Dear S	ir:				Chas	sity C. Rossum		
	The ref	erences	cited on attached Form P	ГО-1449	are being called to the att	ention of the Examiner.		
Copies	of the ci	ted refe	rences:					
			Are enclosed herewith.					
		Are not enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), because the references were submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No						
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		To the best of applicants' belief, the pertinence of the foreign-language references are						
believe	believed to be summarized in the attached English abstracts and in the figures, although applicants do not							
necessa	arily vouc	h for the	e accuracy of the translati	on.				
		Examiner's attention is drawn to the following co-pending applications, copies of which have						
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		Serial N	No	filed				
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	Submis					ny item is citable under the		
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the art	would re	fer to or	recognize the pertinence	of any ref	erence without the benef	it of hindsight, nor should		

Submission of this statement should not be taken as an indication that a search has been conducted, or that no better art exists.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of

an inference be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented.

this application and the references made of record therein.

## **FEES**

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		Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution				
		application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), or				
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Respectfully submitted,

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